## Monica Monica MD Congress Committee P.O. Box 56136 Metairie, Louisiana 70005

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Re: Mur4892 May 18th, 1999

muR 4892

Dear Mr. F. Andrew Turley,

I wanted to respond personally to the complaint that my treasurer received on May 7th, 1999. I have also enclosed a notarized statement to respond to the complaint.

After I declared my candidacy for Congress for the First Congressional District, I wrote my patients and my husband's patients letters for support regarding my platform. My platform included support for term limiting myself. These letters were sent out in early January. On or about February 12th, 1999 I signed a term limit pledge with Americans for Term limits. Mr. Colt Jones came to New Orleans to meet with all the candidates seeking support for term limits. He made a request for various information materials, which he stated was a standard request of all candidates, including background materials, issue ads, print materials. We supplied the same materials to members of Congress, the National Rifle Association, and dozens of other agencies. The information packet contained background material on myself and my campaign including videotapes, issue ads, brochures, and informational pamphlets. At the meeting with Mr. Jones, he received my pledge and there was no mention of any advertisements or promotional projects for my campaign. We never talked to him again.

Neither my campaign staff nor myself ever talked to Americans for Limited Terms. When the first set of ads appeared by Americans for Limited Terms, we were surprised. Before I even saw additional ads, my campaign manager faxed a letter asking them to take down the ads, to which they negatively responded. We never received any funding nor had any communication with Americans for Limited Terms.

When Mr. Vitter and Mr. Couhig filed their first complaint, which was rejected since it was not properly notarized, Mr. Vitter immediately had advertisements on television saying that I was under investigation by your agency. At that time, there had not been a properly executed complaint. Mr. Vitter used the false accusation of investigation to gain political advantage.

At no time did I or any of my campaign staff discuss ads or promotional materials to benefit my campaign with Americans for Term Limits or Americans for Limited Terms. I accepted no funding from either group. As I stated, there was one meeting to turn over my pledge to Americans for Term Limits. My campaign was financed with my life savings, over 1 million dollars. My funding came largely from myself, friends, fellow physicians, and a few Political Action Committees.

My campaign acted ethically and complied with all Federal Election Commission requirements. The complaint MUR 4892 was filed for political reasons. There was no wrongdoing by my campaign or anyone associated with my campaign.

My campaign manager, Mr. Lee Fletcher, was also accused by Mr. Coughig, in my presence at various public forums, of being on the federal payroll while he was running my campaign. Mr. Fletcher is a congressional aide to Congressman John Cooksey and took a leave of absence to come run my campaign.

Both Mr. Fletcher and myself are available to you at any and all times to discuss any information you may need. You may have access to all my files, phone records, invoices, etc.

As during the primary, in campaign is falsely accused of wrongdoing. I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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## Monica Monica, M.D. Congress Committee P.O. Box 56136 Metairie, Louisiana 7005

May 17th, 1999

Dear Mr. Turley,

I signed a term limit pledge with Americans for Term Limits on or about Feb. 12, 1999. At no time during the campaign did I talk to them nor did my campaign staff talk to them about doing any advertisements or promotions for my campaign. The day I signed the pledge, on or about Feb. 12, 1999, I turned the pledge over to their representative. We never received any funding from their group. I never talked to Americans for Limited Terms, nor did any of my campaign staff. The ads which were placed by Americans for Limited Terms were done without my knowledge or consent.

After Mr. Vitter and Mr. Couhig filed the complaint the first time, which was not executed properly because of lack of notarization, Mr. Vitter had advertisements on television saying that I was "under investigation" by your agency. The FEC complaint was used by Mr. Vitter to gain political advantage.

Sincerely,

Monica L. Monica, M.D.

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